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SUBJECT: MAQARIN DAM - NEXT STEPS

REFS: A. STATE 176246; B. TEL AVIV 9381
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1. DURING FORTHCOMING VISIT OF S. A. TAUBENBLATT,
DIRECTOR, A.I.D. NE/PD, DESIRABLE THAT MEETINGS BE
SET UP WITH GOJ AND GOI OFFICIALS TO FURTHER DISCUSS
VARIOUS ASPECTS OUTSTANDING ISSUES.

2. FOR AMMAN: TAUBENBLATT WILL WISH TO DISCUSS WITH
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HANNA ODEH AND OMAR ABDULLAH OTHER POSSIBLE
APPROACHES TO ACCOMPLISH WEST BANK WATER RESOURCES
STUDY AND OBTAIN UPDATE ON CURRENT STATUS GEOLOGICAL
EXPLORATIONS AND TIMETABLE FOR DECISION ON DAM HEIGHT
AND COMPLETION PROJECT FEASIBILITY.

3. FOR TEL AVIV: BELIEVE MEETING WITH MOSHE ALON

AND MENACHEM KANTOR WOULD PERMIT TAUBENBLATT TO BRIEF
OFFICIALS ON STATUS MAQARIN DAM PROJECT, PARTICULARLY
IN LIGHT OF DEVELOPMENTS DURING APRIL DONORS
TECHNICAL MEETING AND SUBSEQUENT DEVELOPMENTS. SUCH

A MEETING MAY ALSO PROVIDE BASIS FOR ASSESSING
PRESENT GOI POSITION ON MAQARIN AND CHANGES, IF ANY,
IN CONTEXT RECENT MIDDLE EAST DEVELOPMENTS.

4. TAUBENBLATT WILL BE VISITING CAIRO JULY 31 -
AUGUST 4, ARRIVING AMMAN AUGUST 5-6 AND TEL AVIV
AUGUST 7-13 PER SEPTELS. VANCE

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